

AMENDMENTS

In the Specification:

At page 1, line 22, change "1-chain" to --I-chain--.

At page 2, line 28, before "DS" insert --S--.

At page 7, line 2, change "motiv" to --motif--.

At page 10, line 27, change "duplo" to --duplicate--.

In the Claims:

Cancel Claim 1.

2. (Amended) The antigen presenting [Vesicle] vesicle according to claim [1] 13, wherein [comprising at least a biologically active part of an] said major histocompatibility [comlex] complex protein is derived from MHC class I or class II [or a derivative thereof].

3. (Amended) The [Vesicle] antigen presenting vesicle according to claim [2] 13 [which additionally comprises] further comprising at least [partly] partially processed antigens.

4. (Amended) The [Vesicle] vesicle according to claim 3 wherein said at least partially processed antigens [is] are presented in the context of [major histocompatibility complex] MHC class [1] I or class [2] II proteins.

Cancel Claim 5 without prejudice to renewal.

6. (Amended) The [Vesicle] antigen presenting vesicle according to [anyone of the foregoing claims] claim 13, wherein said antigen presenting cell [which] is derived from a B-lymphocyte, a Langerhans cell, a macrophage or a dendritic cell.

Cancel Claims 7-8 without prejudice to renewal.

9. (Amended) A [Method] method for [the preparation of a] obtaining antigen presenting [vesicle according to anyone of claims 1-4,] vesicles having a membrane and a

major histocompatibility complex (MHC) protein, said method comprising the [steps] step of:

recovering a membrane-enriched fraction obtained by differential centrifugation of [membrane] membrane-containing fractions of cell culture supernatants or lysates of antigen presenting cells whereby [and recovery of the fraction] fractions containing said antigen presenting vesicles are obtained.

10. (Amended) A [Method] method for stimulating a T cell [response] comprising the step of contacting said T cell[s] with [a] the antigen presenting vesicle according to claim [3 or 4] 13.

Add the following new claims:

--11. A method for obtaining antigen presenting vesicles having a membrane and a major histocompatibility complex (MHC) protein derived from MHC class II, said method comprising the step of:
recovering a 70,000 x g pellet obtained by differential centrifugation of membrane-containing fractions of cell culture media or lysates of antigen presenting cells containing MHC class II, whereby fractions containing said antigen presenting vesicles are obtained.

12. A method for obtaining purified antigen presenting vesicles having a membrane and a major histocompatibility complex (MHC) protein derived from MHC class II, said method comprising the step of:

recovering a fraction having a buoyant density of 1.10 to 1.22 g/ml from a 70,000 x g pellet obtained by differential centrifugation of membrane-containing fractions of cell culture supernatants or lysates of antigen presenting cells containing MHC class II, whereby purified antigen presenting vesicles are obtained.

13. An antigen presenting vesicle free from its natural surroundings obtainable from an antigen presenting cell, comprising: